

STATE OF HAWAII

CORRECTIONS POPULATION MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 30, 2001, 9:30 A.M.
Department of Public Safety

Present: Mr. Alfred K. Beaver, Sr., Chair, Hawaii Paroling Authority

The Honorable Richard K. Perkins, Judge, First Circuit Court The Honorable Peter B. Carlisle, Prosecuting Attorney, City and

County of Honolulu

The Honorable Nestor Garcia, Representative, Hawaii Legislature

Mr. Ted Sakai, Director, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Bryan Yee for Mr. Earl I. Anzai, Attorney General, Department of The Attorney General

Mr. Dean Yamashiro for Mr. John Tonaki, Public Defender, State of Hawaii

Mr. Ronald T. Hajime, Administrator, Adult Probation, First Circuit

Ms. Serena Camara, T.J. Mahoney and Associates

Mr. Peter Gellatly, President, Network Media and OOPS (Out of Prison Services)

Mr. Robert Au, Asst. Police Chief, Honolulu Police Department

Staff: Ms. Martha Torney, Corrections Program Specialist, Department of

Public Safety

Mr. John Borders, Planning, Programming and Budgeting, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Quoc Le, Sentencing Simulation Model Project Leader, Department of Public Safety

Mr. Joe Allen, Sentencing Simulation Model Project Statistician, Department of Public Safety

Excused: Ms. June Lee for The Honorable Brian Kanno, Senator, Hawaii Legislature

1. **Opening of the Meeting:** Meeting was brought to order by Mr. Al Beaver.

- 2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes approved and seconded.
- 3. **Director's Report on the Prison Population:** Mr. Sakai stated that the population continues to increase by 7% since the first of January. As of Monday the total head count is 5134. The biggest numerical increase is among sentenced pre-trial felons, which he mentioned is not a good sign. The largest proportionate growth is among male misdemeanors because there are a lot of domestic violence perpetrators. The federal detention center opened and federal detainees are now being held there. He mentioned that if the federal detention center had not opened that the population would be higher.

Mr. Sakai said that there is no imminent danger of the inmate population being forced out of Arizona. The Director in Arizona has said that he wants legislation to restrict certain out-of-state inmates particularly maximum custody inmates being sent to Arizona and restricting sex offenders from being sent to Arizona. Mr. Sakai mentioned that maximum custody inmates are not sent out-of-state. Also he mentioned that there are about 200 sex offender inmates that will have to be moved, but that is at least a year away.

Mr. Sakai mentioned that the newspaper reported on alleged sexual abuse allegations that occurred in 1998 at the Central Oklahoma correctional facility. It was brought to the attention of PSD in spring 2000. Mr. Sakai mentioned that the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and local Oklahoma law enforcement did an investigation and the charges could not be substantiated. It made the news recently because some of the plaintiffs filed a law suit in November and it had to be re-filed in July or August, so the newspaper portrayed it as a new story.

The newspaper also reported about drug use at the Central Oklahoma Facility in Oklahoma. He said that there are some problems with drugs at the facility, as there is at any correctional facility. The rate of positives is among the lowest of any Oklahoma facility. Only 1.5% of the inmates there tested positive. He agreed there are some drugs, but he believes that facility has made good effort to address the issue. The Advertiser chose to report on it based on the statement of a former inmate and four former employees.

Mr. Sakai mentioned that the Legislature appropriated 2.2 million for substance abuse treatment for persons on pre-trial release, probation, and parole. RFP's have been issued, and services are expected to start by November 1st no later than November 15th.

PSD recently contracted with Hina Mauka to provide treatment services for inmates at WCCC. All of the inmates in Olomana Cottage will be in this program.

Mr. Sakai said that Hawaii sent a team to the National Conference on the Mentally Ill in Corrections in July. At that conference, the team decided to form a policy level advisory group to examine practices and programs related to the mentally ill in the criminal justice system. Two of the goals are to insure that the mentally ill can receive services in the community and second, improve services for the mentally ill who are incarcerated.

- 4. **Sentencing Simulation Model Project:** Dr. Pablo Martinez mentioned that with the problems that have been encountered with the data he was unable to provide information based on data from Hawaii. He did provide data and statistics from Texas and he explained how the Texas model operates.
- 5. Facility Space Analysis: Presented by Ms. Torney: Ms. Torney continued with the review of the Effective Capacity: Kulani Correctional Facility. She provided a handout with this information:

Infrastructure Capacity: Total Capacity is 160 and total Housing Capacity is 160. Support Services Capacity: Total Food Service Capacity is 160.

Health Care Service Total Capacity is 160.

Program Capacity: Library Services total capacity is 160, Education Services

total capacity is 202 and Substance Abuse Services total capacity is 110. Sex Offender Treatment Program total capacity is 50.

Visiting Capacity: Existing Space/hours/staff is a total of 160.

Ms. Torney mentioned that the annual report needs to be completed by November 30^{th} .

- 6. **Agenda for next meeting:** Ms. Torney will provide information for further review of the Effective Capacity.
- 7. Closing of the meeting: Meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M.
- 8. **Next Commission Meeting:** Thursday, September 27, 2001 9:30 A.M.– 11:30 A.M.